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## Initiative Petition Information Sheet

Title of Petition: An Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to M.G.L. 209A

Petition Number : 11-30

### Proponents' Contact

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### Optional:

Will the proponents propose a summary by the Monday, 5 days after the petition-filing deadline?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the proponents submit a memo of law by the Friday 9 days after the petition-filing deadline?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please note that the above information will be made available to the public and particularly to possible opponents of certification. The Proponent and Proponents' Attorney (if any) will receive copies of any materials submitted by the public regarding certification.

**AGO Staff Person Receiving Petition:**

**PS**

*(to be filled in by Attorney General's Office staff)*

**Date:**

**8/3/2011**

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## **An Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to M.G.L. 209A**

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 209A, concerning Abuse Prevention, is hereby amended as noted below. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

Section 1 of chapter 209A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is amended as follows:

Under the paragraph titled " "Abuse", the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members" the sub paragraphs "(a) attempting to cause or causing physical harm; (b) placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm; (c) causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat or duress." are stricken and in their place is added the following:

(a) attempting to cause or causing serious bodily injury as defined in MGL 265-13A

(b) causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat or duress.

Under the paragraph beginning "Family or household members", persons who " the sub paragraphs (a) are or were married to one another; (b) are or were residing together in the same household; (c) are or were related by blood or marriage; (d) having a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together; or (e) are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship, which shall be adjudged by district, probate or Boston municipal courts consideration of the following factors: (1) the length of time of the relationship; (2) the type of relationship; (3) the frequency of interaction between the parties; and (4) if the relationship has been terminated by either person, the length of time elapsed since the termination of the relationship. are stricken in their place is added the following:

(a) are married to one another;

(b) are residing together in the same household;

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We, the undersigned petitioners, have individually reviewed the final text of this Initiative Petition, fully subscribe to its contents, and agree to be original signers of the petition.

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(c) are related by blood or marriage;

John Toby Knudsen

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Timothy E. Enos

Charu D. Tevari

Patrick McCabe

Joseph Anthony Ureneck

Brian Edward Hutchings

Ralph Maselli

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